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SUBJECT: REPORT THAT EGYPT FAVORS ACTIVE UN ROLE IN
PEACE CONFERENCE

1. DECEMBER 10 AHAM CONTAINS STORY, DRAWN FOR PAPER'S
"DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT", STATING THAT EGYPT, ISRAEL
JORDAN AND SYRIA HAVE RECEIVED A "DRAFT INVITATION" FROM
US AND USSR TO ATTEND GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR
DECEMBER 18. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET
BEEN OBTAINED ON THE FINAL FORM OF THE INVITATION IN
EXPECTATION OF WHAT WILL BE REVEALED BY "WIDE RANGING CONTACTS"
BETWEEN VARIOUS PARTIES WHICH HAVE PARTICULAR VIEWS CONCERNING
THE CONFERENCE. AHAM THEN STATES THAT THERE ARE TWO
TRENDS OF THOUGHT ABOUT INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE
AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF ITS ACTIVITIES:

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QUOTE: FIRST - THE AMERICA-SOVIET TREND- WHICH BELIEVES THAT THE INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF UNSYG, KURT WALDHEIM REPRESENTING THE UN AS AN OBSERVER OF THE CONFERENCE'S ACTIVITIES. US SECRETARY OF STATE DR HENRY KISSINGER AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ADNREI GROMYKO WILL PRESIDE OVER THE CONFERENCE'S MEETINGS AFTER WHICH US AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ROBERT MCCLOSKEY WILL TAKE KISSINGER'S PLACE AND SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV WILL TAKE THAT OFGROMYKO.

"SECOND-THE TREND OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES, WHICH EGYPT SUPPORTS, BELIEVES THAT THE INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE IS THE RIGHT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, NOT THAT OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ALONE, AND THAT THE WHOLE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE UNDER THE DURECT SUPERVISION OF THE UN. THE ROLE OF THE UNSYG SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO MERELY THAT OF AN OBESERVER, BUT HE SHOULD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRESIDING OVER THE MEETINGS, EXTEND THE INVITATION TO THEM, AND ACT TO APPLY UN RESOLUTIONS ON THE CONSIDERATION THAT THE ME PROBLEM PERTAINS TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, END QUOTE

ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT ISMAIL FAHMY AND ABBA EBAN WILL HEAD THEIR COUNTRIES' DELEGATIONS DURING THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE A DELIBERATE LEAK TO PUT ON RECORD EGYPT'S VIEW AS TO HOW PEACE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HANDLED. IT ALSO APPEARS TO BE AN EFFORT BY EGYPT TO ASSURE NON ALIGNED COUNTRIES THAT IT IS SENSITIVE TO THEIR INTERESTS REGARDING PEACE CONFERENCE.
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